

Atty. Docket No.: 568.0001CIP
Amdt. Dated May 2, 2006
Reply to Office action of Nov. 2, 2005
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REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested. Claims 1-20 were previously pending. Claims 1-6 and 16-20 were rejected. Claims 4, 5, 10-14, 17 and 19 were objected to due to informalities. Claim 7-15 were indicated as being allowable subject to the informalities objections. Claims 1-6, 14 and 16-20 have been canceled by this amendment. Therefore, claims 7-13 and 15 are pending. Claims 10, 11, 12 and 13 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Claims 7-15 were indicated as being allowable if rewritten to overcome the objections to the claims. The Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for this indication of allowable claims. Claims 10-14 were objected to as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. While it is not explicitly stated in the objection, the Examiner presumably objected to the use of the language "adapted to" in claims 10-12. While this functional limitation has been found to be proper, see MPEP §2173.05(g), it has been deleted from each of claims 10-12 in an effort to further prosecution. Similarly, claim 13 has been objected to presumably due to the use of allegedly functional language. Claim 13 has been amended to overcome the objection. Claim 14 has been canceled. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully request that the objection of claims 10-14 be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above Amendments and Remarks, it is courteously urged that all the claims are allowable and that the application now is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that the prosecution could be advanced through a telephone conversation, then the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned. Favorable action in this regard earnestly is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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